

achievement through research-based training for education personnel.

Under this bill, the Institute of Education Sciences under the Department of Education would be tasked with evaluating and reporting on the effectiveness of the training.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
JAMYE COLEMAN WILLIAMS

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams, who passed away peacefully on January 19, 2022. I extend my sincerest condolences to her daughter, Donna, her extended family and friends, and all who knew and loved her.

Born in Louisville in 1918, Dr. Williams made remarkable contributions to academia, the church, and her community across her inspiring 103-year life. Her trailblazing legacy is a testament not only to the progress of America but also to the ability of bold individuals—specifically brave Black women—to drive the change they wish to seek.

Across her decades-long teaching career at HBCUs, including Ohio's own Wilberforce University, Dr. Williams made key contributions to rhetorical studies, a field long dominated by the study of white male orators. In fact, her dissertation on Thurgood Marshall's Arguments before the Supreme Court in the Public School Segregation controversy was published in 1959 by the Ohio State University, where she was earning her Ph.D.

In addition to her academic career, Dr. Williams was a lifelong member of the A.M.E. church. While remaining active in her local church, Dr. Williams served as a board member of the National Council of Churches and later as editor of The A.M.E. Church Review, the oldest African American literary journal. She also helped to break glass ceilings by supporting Vashti McKenzie's election as the first female A.M.E. bishop.

A tireless community activist, Dr. Williams moved from early involvement in the civil rights movement to later serving as a member of the NAACP's Executive Committee. In 1999, she received the organization's Presidential Award for her critical contributions.

Dr. Williams' legacy of service, activism and education will live on through the students, colleagues and countless individuals she touched. Her commitment to doing her part to advance justice and equality for women and people of color serves as a shining example for us all.

Today, may we honor the memory of Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams, a loving wife, an impactful educator, a committed community activist, and a lifelong church leader.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I missed a Previous Question vote on January 11.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2.

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE CAPTAIN SALEHA JABEEN

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of U.S. Air Force Captain Saleha Jabeen. Captain Jabeen is the only woman Imam in the United States Air Force, and she has been working diligently as a cultural advisor and chaplain as part of Operation Allies Welcome at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Brigadier General Dan Gabrielli of the Minnesota National Guard has been the commanding officer at Holloman since August of last year, and I had the enormous privilege of being briefed by General Gabrielli, his leadership team, and Captain Jabeen on the incredible effort they've been engaged in to ensure that we live up to our promise to the Afghan refugees under their care.

Madam Speaker, Captain Jabeen represents the very best of the generous spirit of the American people. Her infectious charisma, boundless energy, deep cultural understanding, and tireless dedication to helping Afghan refugees acclimate to their new home have made her indispensable to Operation Allies Welcome. We are all fortunate to have had her in this position, ensuring that we have lived up to our cherished values of hospitality and providing safe haven to those in need.

As a refugee myself, I am intensely aware of the importance of creating a sense of community during the disorienting process of resettlement. Captain Jabeen has been essential in creating that sense of community at Holloman. I want to express my deep admiration and profound gratitude for her dedication to public service, for the support she has given to the Guardsmen and women from my district who have also been dedicating themselves to this crucial mission, and, most importantly, for the many lives she has changed permanently for the better.

HONORING DIANE HORN AS IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Diane Horn, a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant with Lutheran Services of Iowa, as our Iowan of the Week.

As we enter a new tax filing season, I can't help but to think of all the Iowans out there

who are looking for help getting their taxes filed. Every day, I hear first-hand accounts of the challenges that taxpayers in Iowa are facing. While many of the challenges they're facing arise after filing their returns, many Iowans still explain to me that their problems could have been avoided had they not had issues with filing in the first place. That is why I am so proud to honor Diane Horn today.

Diane volunteers with Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI) in their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. She started volunteering about six years ago with another organization in Iowa, greeting folks who were coming in for service appointments. Diane previously held a career as an IT Manager, but in her second year of volunteering, she decided to learn more about tax preparation. Diane took classes and eventually took the tests required through the IRS to earn her certification.

Diane then started volunteering with LSI, where she started helping folks file their taxes. She explained how rewarding this experience is, and how she genuinely feels the impact of the help she is providing to those in need. Diane describes everyone she works with as being so grateful. Many of the people who come to her are refugees or immigrants, and many of them cannot speak and/or read English.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every single industry in our nation's economy, and it also had an impact on the work that LSI could carry out. Diane explained that working remotely came with its own unique challenges, but most of all, she missed being able to see and chat with everyone who made appointments with her. She loves hearing everyone's story, no matter the circumstances. It makes the work she does that much more gratifying knowing that she is truly making a difference for those who are in need.

The work Diane does is so incredibly vital to communities across Iowa's third district. The tax process is one that many Americans feel is complicated and difficult to fully understand. Diane helps ease those concerns and anxieties. Her dedication to helping those in need is commendable, and it is why I am so honored to name Diane Horn Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the service, dedication, and sacrifice of the members of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 621st Contingency Response Wing, and their partner agencies at Travis Air Force Base, which I have the distinct privilege of representing as part of California's Third Congressional District. They exemplify the best of America, and their tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

For eighty years, Travis Air Force Base has stood as a pillar of strength, projecting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and providing support to American troops around the world. This mission is only accomplished